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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Football team is going to playoffs
- Coins for Cassie raises money
- Volleyball team remains undefeated
- Student gather to pray for "See you at the Pole" day.
- Cheerleaders place 5th at Nationals

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Dobie Student Activities



BOBCAT NEWSLETTER



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Bobcats Are Going To Playoffs

The Bobcats won Friday, October 30, 2009 football game against their rivals the Pasadena Vikings 28-7. This qualifies them for the playoffs. This is extremely exciting news for the Dobie fans. This is the first time back at playoffs since 2000 where the Bobcats played against the Katy Tigers at the Houston, Texas Astrodome.

That team began 0-7 before the flurry of deals brought Pasadena a playmaking power forward (Boris Diaw) and a defense line back (Raja Bell). Players that weren't Brown fits - Jason Richardson, Adam Morrison and Matt Carroll - were jettisoned and the Bobcats recovered to be in the playoff race until a late-season fade coinciding with injuries to Bell and leading scorer

Gerald Wallace.

"We have a great team," ever-confident point guard Raymond Felton said. "I like our chances.



Thomas Edward Jackson makes the first touchdown for the Dobie Bobcats.

Other teams got better, but we got better, also."

While teams that finished behind Pasadena (35-47) last season

improved, namely Washington High School and Toron High School, the Bobcats made one major offseason move, dealing quarterback Emeka Okafor to Dobie from his old high school Tyler in Tyler, Texas. But the head coach, Bob Johnson's orders not to get into luxury tax territory prevented them from bidding for the top power forwards in the free agent market.

The Bobcats have slogged through most of the preseason without Chandler, recovering from offseason ankle surgery, and Diaw (sprained ankle). The trio of Nazr Mohammed, DeSagana Diop and Alexis Ajinca have provided Brown with little confidence up front.

Coins For Cassie

Dobie High School students pitch in to help classmate whose home was destroyed by fire.

On Friday, staff and students presented a certificate worth \$1,300 to the Garcia family.

Their home off Tuttle Avenue was destroyed in a fire earlier

this month. The family lost everything and had no insurance.

Their program was called "Coins for Cassie." Cassie Garcia is a sophomore at Dobie High School and her fellow students donated their spare change. Hopefully, it's enough to buy Cassie and her

sister new bedroom furniture. The student's at Dobie plan to continue to implement the "Coins for Cassie" program until the family is back on their feet.

Girls Volleyball Undefeated 12-0



Dobie players gather during a time-out to strategize their win.

Lauren O' Hara, Leah Fritz and MaryBeth Rositano shared a defining moment in their volleyball careers long before they started bumping, setting and spiking for the Dobie Bobcats varsity team.

The trio got to watch their older sisters climb to the top of the mountain when they won a Section 5 Class A championship in 2005.

However, that championship moment isn't their greatest image from that season.

All three remember the disappointment after advancing to the finals. If the start of this season is any indication, all three have put the past behind. The 2009 Bobcats are 12-0 overall and 9-0 Harris County Division I matches. They have dominated opponents this fall, dropping only three games in regular-season matches.

"After that year, volleyball became such an important part of my life," said O'Hara, a senior rightside hitter. "I remem-

ber her always talking about her time at there state championship and thinking to myself when I am a senior I was going to win it."

The team will continue to go onto playoffs along with our football team. This leads our school with some major Bobcat spirit for the 2009 athletic season.

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Students Gather In Prayer

A crisp autumn morning welcomed more than 350 Dobie students as they gathered to pray on Wednesday.

They were observing the annual "See You at the Pole" day, now in its 15th year.

"Our first time to observe this activity was under the direction of Robery Eckels, who is now a Bible teacher," said Mike Hawkins, Dobie High

school principal, school chaplain and Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsor.

High School students prayed in small groups for the nation, the government, local and national leaders including the president, Congress and judges as well as the leaders in churches, schools and families.

Students showed up for varying reasons, but all of them

came to pray.

"I showed up because I wanted to be a leader, and I wanted to pray for my country," said Person Whittington, Dobie senior student.

The students were greeted by parents and told, "You have the power to shape the things your prayed for today."

Armando Santiago shows his head spinning moves at the Dobie's Homecoming Dance.



DHS Break Dance Club Petition

Dobie student Armando Santiago states, "Dobie needs more school spirit! There is only one solution to this problem, and it is that we need a break dance club today. This club will guarantee more

school spirit during school activities such as pep rallies, sports games, battle of classes, and other fun activities where we can perform. It would be something new, fun and exciting. It will also teach student good communication skills, working together, and get physically fit. If you accept this

petition and allow us to start this club, the word will get around to the other schools leading to battles from each school. This will add more school spirit. If you are interested in joining the petition sign the form outside of the cafeteria door by the end of this Friday."



Dobie High School Student Council



The Dobie High School Student Council gives students a chance to help make decisions about our school. In addition to being a wonderful learning experience, it demonstrates to the students that they

2009-2010 Student Council Officers.

have a voice in the school and that adults value their input. The biggest value of the Student Council, however, is to provide students with a model of the democratic decision-making process.

Dobie High School's Student Council is made up of 131 students, representing each class.

Student Council members are looked upon as the voice of the

student body, capable of seeing many advancements and projects come into action.

Student Council participates in various events such as: Blood drives, Homecoming, Prom, food drives, Get Out & Vote, Teacher Appreciation, Toys for Tots, and Koats for Kids.

Sophomore, Junior and Senior Student Council members are elected by the student body at the end of the year. To join come by the cafeteria on Monday nights from 6-8pm.

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Our Award Winning Band Results

The band program at Dobie High School has a long-standing tradition of excellence. The Wind Ensemble and Longhorn Marching Band consistently receive Division I ratings and routinely earn Sweepstakes awards (Division I ratings in marching, concert, and sight-reading for an academic year) at Texas U.I.L.-sanctioned contests. These groups have also won numerous best-in-

class awards at concert and marching festivals in Texas and throughout the United States.

Last year for the 2008-2009 academic school year, band won the following awards: Superior Rating—Galena Park Marching Festival, Superior Rating—Katy Marching Festival, Excellent Rating UIL Region 19 Marching Contest, 14 students TMEA Region 19 Band, 6 student

TMEA Region 19 Freshman Band, 9 students TMEA Area Band, 1 TMEA Texas All-State Student, Jonathan Washington—Euphonium, 65 1st Division Medals UIL Solo and Ensemble, UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest, Wind Ensemble—Superior Stage and Sightreading, Concert Band—Excellent Stage and Sightreading, and Spring Trip to Washington D.C.

Cheerleaders Finish Fifth In National Competition

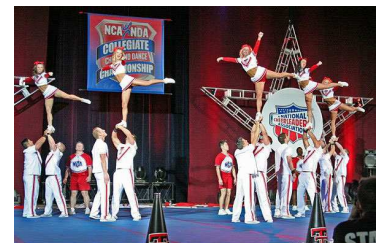
Women tumble through the air, spinning and twirling high above the cheering crowd before they are caught by the men below. These bold men and women are members of the Dobie cheerleading team.

Now the team is famous for more than their daring acrobatic performances promoting school spirit at athletic events. Dobie cheerlead-

ing team finished fifth at the National Cheerleading Association's (NCA) High School Cheer and Dance Championship, held in Daytona, Fla.

The co-ed squad of 20 cheerleaders competed with guest Brian Bobcat to earn the team's highest finish since placing fifth in 2003. The squad prepares for football, volley-

ball, basketball and many other sports events held around campus.



Cheerleaders hit an arabesque move in the air as they compete to win a top place.



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Dobie Mission Statement:

We shall provide a relevant and rigorous learning environment in which all students shall have the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential in a changing global society. We are dedicated to the fundamental idea that every person, regardless of race, sex, religion, or national origin, will be regarded worthy of sincere interest and respect.



Robotics Team & Barack Obama

President Barack Obama stated in a speech before the National Academy of Sciences, "I want us all to think about new and creative ways to engage young people in science and engineering...encourage young people to create and build and invent...".

This is what Dobie's robotics team is doing. They are currently working on ways in which they can build a robot to compete in a regional and national competition beginning in January.

The competition is hosted by FIRST, a program made specifically for students that allows them to build a robot to compete in a game against other robots. It can be understood as battle of the robots.

Dobie's 5th Annual Rah-Cha-Cha Ruckus was a success. Twenty-two teams came from far and wide to

compete in the 2009 game Lunacy.

Dean Kaman's niece, Libby, even came out and got pied in the eye to help raise funds for next year's Ruckus. Thanks for being a good sport, Libby, and to all the other volunteers who participated in the Pie in the Eye.



2009 Robot built by the Robotics Team for the FIRST Lunacy game competed in Atlanta, GA.

A huge thanks goes out to Dobie High School who provided their facilities for this event and to the many local organizations and volunteer who made this even possible. Congratulations to Teams 191 X-Cats and 2340 Nazarex who competed with us to win the competition. The semi-finalists, teams 1551 Grapes of Wrath, 2228 Cougar Tech, and 3173, put up a good fight with a tie in our 3rd finals match. We also were voted by other competing teams to be the Ruckus "Deadheads" award winner.

Thanks again to all who participated and we hope to see you again in January for the release of our 2010 game.

To join the Robotics team, see Mr. Ferguson in room 132. We will begin build season in January and end in March.